

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants have carefully considered this application in connection with the Examiner's Action and respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-19 in the application. The Applicants have previously withdrawn Claims 7-19 and have presently cancelled claims 4-6. The Applicants have amended Claim 1. Accordingly, Claims 1-3 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103

These claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,128,817 to Roessler et al. (Roessler) in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,349,480 to Rashleigh (Rashleigh). However, the Examiner has indicated that Claim 6, if re-written in independent form, including each intervening dependent claim, would be allowable over these references. The Applicants have incorporated the elements of Claims 4-6 into independent Claim 1. Therefore, accordingly to the Examiner, Claim 1 and its remaining dependent Claims 2-3 are allowable over the cited references. Accordingly, the Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the 103 rejection.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-3.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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